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Induction of new rector at Parry Sound church

"A man who cares about people" was the tribute offered by the Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson (retired Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto) as he spoke in his sermon concerning the new Rector of Trinity Church in Parry Sound, the Rev. Maurice P. Wilkinson.

Fr. Wilkinson was inducted into his new parish in Parry Sound on St. Matthew's Day, September 21, by the Ven. David A. P. Smith (Archdeacon of Muskoka, and Rector of St. Brice's in North Bay). The Service of Evensong was led by the Ven. T. A. Wilkinson (Archdeacon of Etobicoke, and brother of the new Rector).

The Lessons were read by the Rev. John Watson (Rural Dean of Muskoka), and Mr. Larry Maughan (a Lay Reader in training). Admonitions throughout the Induction were read by the Rev. Canon J. F. Hinchliffe (recently retired to Port Sydney), Archdeacon Cleverdon (retired priest from the Diocese of Toronto), Mr. Ed Fisher (Rector's Warden), Mr. Ed Lea (People's Warden), Mr. Bill Dinsmore (Advisory Board Chairman), and Miss Madelein Muntz (Vestry Clerk).

In his sermon, the Rt. Rev. Fred Wilkinson, a long-time friend of the new Rector, told of the many qualifications and the wealth of experience which the new Rector brings to the parish of Trinity Church, Parry Sound.

Among the visiting clergy from the Deanery were the Rev. Canon H. Garbutt, the Rev. Canon David Mitchell, the Rev. William Graham, and the Rev. Gregory Lynn. From the Parry Sound Ministerial Association were Fr. Odette, the Rev. Murray Binsted, the Rev. Alvin Keeler, and the Ven. C. Petro.



Courtesy of the Parry Sound North Star

These four are the principal participants in the Induction Service of the Rev. Maurice P. Wilkinson as Rector for the parish of Trinity Church, Parry Sound. From the left they are the Ven. David A. P. Smith, Archdeacon of Muskoka and Rector of St. Brice's in North Bay; the Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Wilkinson, a former Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto; the Rev. Maurice P. Wilkinson, the new Rector; and the Ven. T. A. Wilkinson, Archdeacon of Etobicoke, and brother of the new Rector.

Following the service, a reception was held in the crypt.

spirit of ecumenism was very much in evidence in the large assembly of parishioners and visitors who came to participate in this Induction Service.

Those who were unable to attend sent their regrets and offered their prayers. Parishioners presently in England sent a note ex-

pressing their happiness, a feeling shared by all.

"There is a touch of destiny in the fact that in 1948, September 21, on St. Matthew's Day, Maurice Wilkinson was raised to the Diaconate in St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, his home parish. On this St. Matthew's Day, 27 years later,

after a varied and world-ranging ministry, he has returned in faith and obedience to parish life."

The Diocese of Algoma, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, join Trinity Church in Parry Sound, in welcoming Fr. Wilkinson and his wife, Islay, to their new home and responsibilities.

St. John's, Thunder Bay

Publication honours parishioners

The "St. John's Lamplighter", the official publication of the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay, has begun a feature that the ALGOMA ANGLICAN applauds and would recommend to other parishes and their publications.

The September issue began a series of life sketches of parishioners who have served their Lord and their community in an exemplary fashion. It is the desire of the parish to give recogni-

tion to the work and devotion of some of the senior members while they are still alive.

Mrs. Adelaide Taylor, who in 1973 compiled a parish history of St. John's then celebrating its 100th anniversary, is the compiler and writer of these sketches.

The parishioner for September is Mrs. Muriel Crossland. A fuller account of the life of Mrs. Crossland is being submitted to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN for future publication.

INSIDE THIS MONTH



Miss Susan Bowers

Miss Susan Bowers, Editor of the parish newsletter for St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie, was recently appointed as that parish's correspondent to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

In this edition of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN Susan presents for our readers the story of the upcoming tour of England and Scotland by the St. Luke's Cathedral Choir; it will take place during the sum-

mer of 1976. Please turn to page 6A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

For Bishop Nock's New Year's Greeting, turn to page 12A, while Season's Greetings from the ALGOMA ANGLICAN are on page 10A.

Jerry and Marj Smith present a special report about their summer adventures along the CPR line. Turn to page 9A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN for these two accounts.

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EDITORIAL**A contentious issue**

There is no doubt but that the General Synod held in Quebec City at the end of June dealt with many controversial issues. The one that is receiving the greatest publicity and sensationalistic treatment is the *Ordination of Women to the Priesthood*.

Last month, the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN carried an advertisement entitled, "A Manifesto on the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood", which was sponsored by Canadian bishops, priests and deacons, who oppose the ordination of women to the priesthood. It was signed by three clergy from the Diocese of Algoma.

The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN also editorialized about the advertisement and the issue of the ordination of women to the priesthood. They asked that those who signed the manifesto should show some respect for the authority of the Church, and the consciences of the majority who do favour women priests.

TIME magazine, in its October 13 issue, discussed the same issue in its "Canada" section. In the article, there is the suggestion that this debate is sure to leave scars on a church still traumatized by the decision last February not to merge with the United Church after some thirty years of negotiation.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN does not wish to become embroiled in the two sides of the issue. Some will claim that this is typical of its mugwump editor (with his mug on one side of the fence and his wump on the other)!

However, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to point out a number of facts. The General Synod in Quebec dealt with three aspects of the issue: first, is it possible in the light of Scripture, history and tradition to ordain women to the priesthood? Second, is it wise? And, third, is it time?

After dealing with this issue openly and fairly, trying to arrive at a picture of what God is saying, and sensing the heavy responsibility, General Synod agreed to re-affirm the principle of the ordination of women to the priesthood. This was carried in all three orders (*laity*, 88-18; *clergy*, 75-30; and *bishops*, 26-8).

General Synod went on to affirm that it would be appropriate for women qualified for the priesthood to be ordained at the discretion of diocesan bishops acting within the normal procedures of their own jurisdictions and in consultation with the House of Bishops. This was carried in all three orders (*laity* 95-9; *clergy*, 86-19; and *bishops*, 27-7).

Finally, General Synod agreed that no bishop, priest, deacon, or lay person, including postulants for ordination, shall be penalized nor suffer canonical disabilities nor be forced into positions which violate his conscience as a result of General Synod's action in affirming the principle of ordination of women to the priesthood.

Many dioceses, including the Diocese of Algoma, have already discussed the issue. Of these, 16 have voted in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood, 2 have voted against, and one is divided. It certainly will be discussed at the upcoming Synod of the Diocese of Algoma in 1976.

In that connection, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to applaud the common sense position of the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock. In a letter, he has stated:

"I will take no unilateral action on this matter but desire to have a full discussion on it throughout the Diocese from now until our next Synod in 1976. Every parish should express its mind so that our Synod can make a prayerful and considered opinion."

"I trust that love and respect for divergent views will be the keynote of our conversations and discussions. If we are a Diocesan family, as we claim to be, then it should be possible, in Christ to share our different points of view with love and respect."

"It would be most unfortunate if our discussions developed into a 'battle of the sexes' or a confrontation between 'pro-women's Lib' and 'anti-women's Lib'.

"Any discussion must rest on a much deeper basis as it could well affect relationships not only within our own Communion but with other Communions. The prayer for Whit-sunday should be deeply ingrained in our hearts as we consider this vital issue—'Grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things.'

That is a very wise statement from our Father-in-God, and might well be read as a prelude to any parish, deanery or diocesan discussion of the issue of the ordination of women to the priesthood.

May the Diocese of Algoma prepare for the discussion of this issue at its 1976 Synod with thought, prayer and concern. Perhaps in that way, TIME magazine may be proven wrong—scars are simply not needed!

RWM

The bishop's letter**A faith of order and beauty**

words of light, the wonder of Thy Name."

What is true of God's world is true of our Christian Faith. It is a **faith of order and beauty**. This fact is borne upon us as we face a new Christian Year with its changing seasons, beginning with Advent. Those who take part regularly in the corporate worship of the Church have a great advantage over those whose worship is hit-and-miss.

For week by week, the wonder and beauty of God's love for us is unfolded. The Old Testament lessons during Advent provide the background for the Christian revelation. Christmas centres upon the entrance of God into our human life in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Epiphany brings us intimate glimpses of the divine and human natures of Jesus. The Lenten season foreshadows His inevitable sacrifice which reaches its climax on the Cross of Calvary.

Easter bursts upon us with its glorious message of the triumph of love over evil, and the victory of life over death. The Ascension assures us of the living spiritual presence of our Lord. This leads us to Whit-sunday (Pentecost), and the

fact that God's power and strength are available to us daily through the Holy Spirit.

The long season of Trinity provides us with the opportunity to meditate upon the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and to apply it to our lives in our work-a-day world.

The Christian Year exists to proclaim the Christian Faith in all its order and beauty. The Church stands to uphold this Faith in a changing and uncertain world. But the Church is not a building; it is you and I. It is our privilege and responsibility to witness to Christ by our lives in everything we say and do.

We will only discharge that privilege and responsibility well, as we become absorbed in the facts of God's love revealed step by step in the changing pattern of the Christian Year.

May all of us reflect that love in our daily lives.

Your friend
and bishop,



Bishop Frank F. Nock

My dear fellow Anglicans:

I am writing this letter in the study of the Hinchliffe residence at Port Sydney on a glorious fall day. Outside the sun is shining brilliantly, and there is a riot of colour.

By the time you receive this letter, we will be facing the prospect of the season of winter with its own particular characteristics. With the change of seasons, we are reminded of the fact that we live in an orderly world.

God's universe is an ordered universe, not a chaos, a jumble, or a happening. In the midst of a changing society, the orderliness of God's world can be a strengthening factor in our lives.

The beautiful words of Frances W. Cole's hymn come to mind: "*O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows, Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose, Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim, In ever changing*

The bishop's itinerary

November

30 Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie
(11 a.m., Beginning 100th Anniversary)

December

7 St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie
(10:30 a.m., Eucharist)
14 St. James', Goulais Bay
(Confirmation)
16 House of Bishop's Agenda Committee (Toronto)
18 Reception dinner for Bishop Dimmick (Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan)
25 St. Luke's Cathedral

THE DIOCESAN GAZETTE:**Changes in parish boundaries**

The Rev. Canon Arthur Chabot, formerly Rector of Marathon, has been appointed the parish of Christ Church, Englehart, and St. Faith's, Charlton, effective as of November 1, 1975.

With the departure of Canon Chabot, the parish of Marathon will join Manitouwadge to form one parish, under the direction of the

present Incumbent of Manitouwadge, Captain Russell Nicolle, C.A.

The Rev. Herbert Coote, Deacon-in-Charge of St. Paul's, Wawa, and St. Gile's, Hawk Junction, will assume responsibility for White River and Franz.

The Rev. William Ivey, Rector of St. John's in Chap-

leau, and Priest-in-Charge of the points along the CPR line, will assume pastoral oversight of Missanabie (All Saints').

(Ed. Note. Formerly, Franz and White River were part of the parish of Manitouwadge; and, formerly, Missanabie was part of the parish of Wawa.)

Moves from Marathon**New rector at Englehart parish**

As of November 1, the new Rector of Christ Church in Englehart, and St. Faith's in Charlton, is the Rev. Canon Arthur Lionel Chabot. He replaces the Rev. Tony Koning, who left the Diocese of Algoma in early July for the Diocese of Huron.

Canon Chabot is a graduate of Wycliffe College in Toronto; he was ordered to the Diaconate in 1948 (in Sault Ste. Marie), and was priested in 1949 (in North

Bay), by the Rt. Rev. William L. Wright.

He has served his entire ministry in the Diocese of Algoma at the following charges: Coniston (1948-54); New Liskeard (1954-66); and Marathon (1966 to the present).

Fr. Chabot was made a Canon at the Centennial Synod in 1973, and prior to his move to Englehart was the Rural Dean of Superior.

Canon Chabot and his wife, Dorothy, have four children.



Rev. Canon Arthur Chabot

Parish history recalled

Following the 10:30 a.m. service of Morning Prayer on September 7, the Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury held a Social Hour to honour and say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. Peacock. Both have been regular attenders of the Church. The Social Hour was sponsored by the ACW of that parish.

There was an expression of gratitude given by Mrs. C. Varney, President of the ACW. Then, Mrs. Peacock was given a lovely cup and saucer.

Also in attendance were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor of Collingwood. The Peacocks are now living in Collingwood.

Mr. Peacock, retired for 19 years from INCO, was a Vimy Veteran, and a long time member of the Odd Fellows and the Legion.

The departure of the Peacocks from the Church of the Resurrection and Sudbury brings to light the history of this Church in the west end of the city.

It was the late Rev. P. F. Bull who felt that a church should be built in the west end of Sudbury. A small chapel was erected adjoining the Anglican Cemetery; it was also to be used as a mortuary.

The first service was held on January 9, 1938, and regular successive services were held on Sundays at 4 p.m., conducted by clergy from the Church of the Epiphany in downtown Sudbury. The first Sunday School was held on January 16, 1938.

Mrs. Peacock was active in this parish church of the Resurrection when the Chapel Guild meetings were held at the Church of the Epiphany.

any. This Guild became a WA in 1953, and worked hard for a new hall to accommodate the Sunday School. Previous to this, in 1950, the basement was renovated, and the entire building (Chapel of the Resurrection) was extended some sixteen feet. When the parish became self-supporting, it was named the Church of the Resurrection.

The first service in the newly named Church was on January 6, 1952, conducted by the Rev. J. George M. Doolan, who is presently the Rector. It was a 9 a.m. Eucharist. After this, the parish grew, and plans were made for the demolition of the old church, to make way for the new one. The beautiful new Church held its first service on February 9, 1959.

During all this time, and even later when the WA became the ACW, Mrs. Peacock was a hard worker, always ready to work at the Church Teas, Rummage Sales, Dinners; moreover, she was a regular attender at all the meetings. In addition to her devotion to the Church, she was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Orange Benevolent Association, Club 111 (a Senior Club), and also the Senior Club at the Steel Workers' Hall.

Mrs. Peacock, 75, and Mr. Peacock, 86, have been faithful members of the Church of the Resurrection all through its history.

The Diocese of Algoma, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, the Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury, would like to join the ACW of that parish in extending their best wishes to the Peacocks as they take up their new life in Collingwood.

St. Mark's, Rosslyn

Money sent to Moosonee

Often, little is heard of the use to which the various *Self-Denial Lenten Offerings* are put. In the September issue of the "Algoma Newsletter for Anglican Church Women", there is a report about what happened to the money donated to this offering by St. Mark's Sunday School in Rosslyn (of the West Thunder Bay Parish).

This year, part of their offering was sent to the Most Rev. James Watton, Archbishop of Moosonee and Metropolitan of Ontario, to use as he felt it was needed in his Diocese.

In reply, Archbishop Watton wrote: "I have received from your rector a cheque for \$35 to be used in the Diocese of Moosonee. I want to tell you how I am going to

use it.

"On Wednesday, June 25, I am flying up to Fort George, Quebec, on the East Coast of James Bay. There at about 3 p.m., I am going to ordain a young man by the name of Sidney Fort Chimo to be a Deacon in the Church of God.

"His name sounds funny, but neither the Indian nor Eskimo had last names until the white man came; Sidney's great-grandfather came from Fort Chimo and that is why he has that last name. He is half Cree and half Eskimo. He speaks both languages as well as English.

"Your gift will help in purchasing a stole for Sidney's ordination; so on Wednesday, part of you will be there!"

A very worthy aim

"The aim of Ontario's Human Rights Code is to create at the community level a climate of understanding and mutual respect, in which all our people, of whatever racial, religious or cultural background—new Canadian no less than native born—will be made to feel that all are equal in dignity and rights, that each is a part of the whole Canadian community, and that each has a rich contribution to make to the development and well-being of our province and nation. Few will disagree that this is a prerequisite for the building of a truly healthy Canadianism."

—Ontario Human Rights Code

A parish is now rejuvenated

On Wednesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 19, two work parties of volunteers from parishes in the Muskoka-Parry Sound area descended on St. Mary's Church, Aspdin, for a clean-up project to re-open this old church for worship during the summer of 1975.

The Church building, overgrown with bushes, grass, and vegetation, and dusty with many years of being closed, was attacked by an advance guard of youth under the leadership of the Rev. W. S. Johnson (of the Huntsville parish), and Nancy Strickland of Parry Sound.

With scythes, power mowers, clippers, and shovels, the young people cleaned up the Church grounds around the building, while others, with buckets, mops and dusters, worked on the interior. It was a start, and a good one—by the youth of Bala and Parry Sound, whose names are Robert Swainson, Jeffrey Swainson, Christine Larkin, Jane McDowell, Stephen McDowell, and Nancy Strickland.

The main work party, on June 19, was led by the Rev. John Watson of the parish of Bala, and Rural Dean of Muskoka, and it completed the clean-up of the Church and grounds, as well as the cemetery on the hillside. Those participating were the following: the Rev. Robert Charles, and Mrs. Joan Charles (Rosseau); the Rev. Canon H. Garbutt (Emsdale); the Rev. Canon G. W. Sutherland, the Rev. W. S. Johnson, Anne Sutherland, Heather Gilroy (all of Huntsville); the Rev. Lawrence Frith, the Rev. Horace Garrard and the Rev. F. Dalby, Bro. Ralph Macauley, and Robert Campbell (of SSJE in Bracebridge); the Rev. Gregory Lynn, and Mr. Frank Gower (Sundridge); and the Rev. W. Graham, Andrew Graham, and Neill Graham (of the Muskoka Lakes parish).

This project to clean up and re-open some of Muskoka's old pioneer church buildings has been the vision of the new Rural Dean of Muskoka-Parry Sound, Fr. John Watson of Bala.

During the summer of 1975, Fr. Watson officiated and preached at three worship services at St. Mary's in Aspdin—held on the third Sundays of July, August and September. All were well attended by residents and visitors in Muskoka.

Mr. Wallace Walker accepted the Rural Dean's appointment as Church warden; and on the third Sunday in August, the Rev. Canon George W. Sutherland (of Huntsville) officiated at the baptism of an infant child from the parish, with the Rural Dean preaching the sermon.

From the interest shown in this old pioneer church, it is the hope and prayer that many more Christians will enter into the faith and labours of the Rural Dean, and those who worked to open this Church, closed for so many years.

(Ed. Note. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is indebted to the Rev. Walter S. Johnson, of the Huntsville parish, for this information and for the accompanying photographs.)



The work party...

Here are several members of the work party: From left, back row—Canon H. Garbutt, Fr. Robert Charles, Fr. William Graham, Fr. Gregory Lynn. From left, front row—Robert Campbell, Canon George Sutherland, Rural Dean John Watson, George Edwards, Fr. Horace Garrard, Mr. Frank Gower, and Heather Gilroy.



... former missionary...

The Rev. Fr. L. Frith, SSJE, participated in the Deanery Work Party at St. Mary's, Aspdin. He is a former missionary to this parish.



... and cemetery clean-up

Pictured here are some of the members of the work party which cleaned up St. Mary's, Aspdin, on June 19. From the left, Andrew Graham, Fr. Gregory Lynn, Fr. F. Dalby, Fr. William Graham, Robert Campbell, Neill Graham, and Bro. Ralph Macauley (in rear). These men cleaned up the cemetery of the Church.

A PERSONAL GLIMPSE OF A CHAPLAIN'S WORK***Both an interesting and challenging chaplaincy***

(Ed. Note. There have been several reports about the Lakehead Missions to Seamen in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN during the last few months. This month, we are pleased to feature a personal glimpse of the work at Thunder Bay's Missions to Seamen, by the Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson.)

by Canon A. J. Thomson

The Missions to Seamen work continues to be both challenging and interesting. In mid-August, a Norwegian ship, RANDI BROVIG, arrived to load grain for Bangladesh; the ship had to be fumigated, and while this was taking place, the coup occurred in Bangladesh. The ship's charter to that country was cancelled, and the ship had to remain in port for over two weeks awaiting new shipping instructions.

This gave me an opportunity to help combat the boredom that accompanies such a delay. The first Sunday, that the ship was in port, I arranged for a sightseeing tour. So many wished to participate that I enlisted the help of Capt. Earle Burke, CA, of St. George's Church in Thunder Bay, to take some of the crew in his car as the Missions to Seamen bus can only accommodate 15 persons.

Later in the week, I took 15 crew members on a shopping trip to one of our plazas, which was very much enjoyed by them. I estimate the total purchase of souvenirs and clothing on these two trips amounted to well over \$300. One man purchased Indian mukluks, worth \$39.95, and another purchased a pair of stereo speakers, worth \$99.

On another occasion, I took a local Lutheran pastor, who speaks Norwegian to visit the crew. An attempt to arrange a soccer game failed, because local teams were getting ready for a soccer tournament.

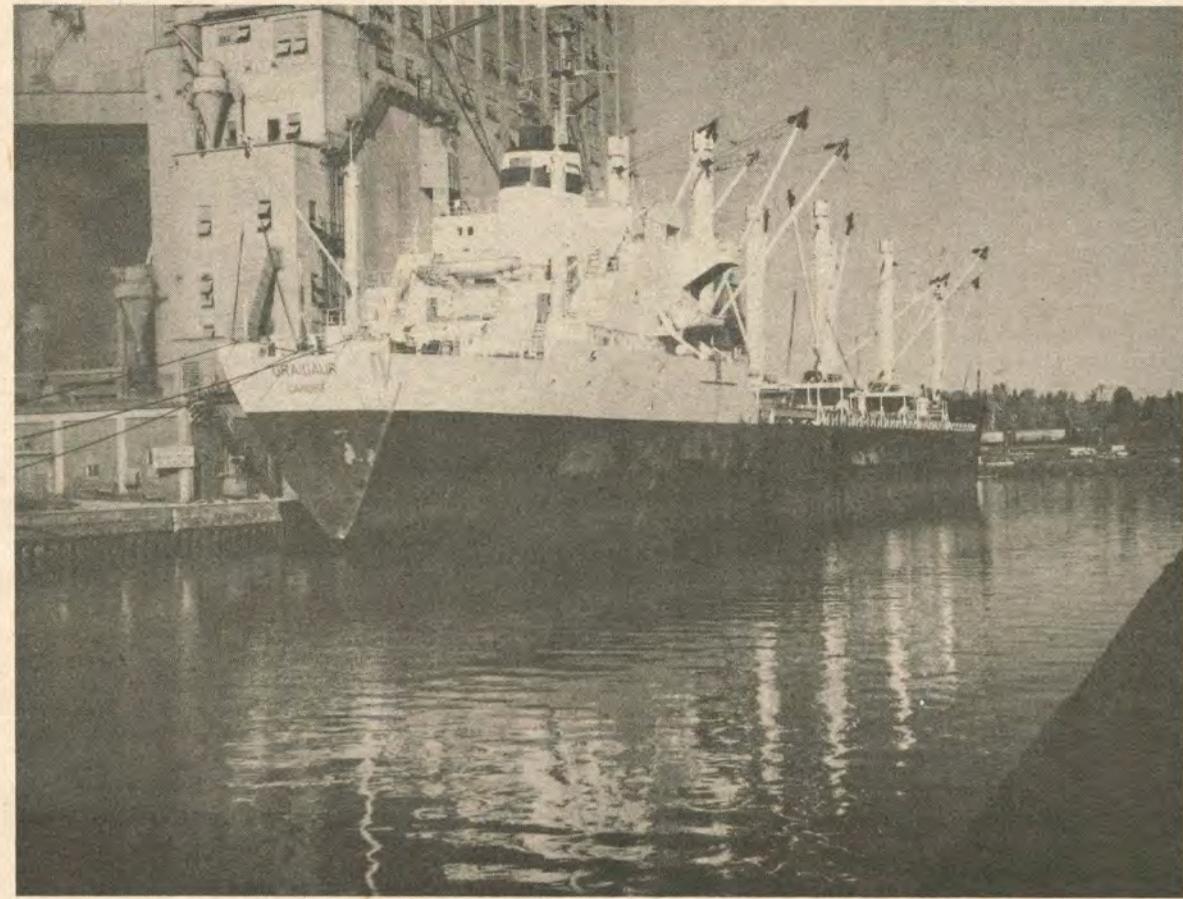
A few days before the ship sailed, I was able to arrange a musical evening on board, by a couple of local musicians. In addition to these activities, I supplied the crew with several cartons of magazines and newspapers in Norwegian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Recently, I received a very nice letter of thanks from the crew, en route to Beirut, Lebanon.

On September 20, the GRAIGAUR, a Welsh ship with British officers, and a crew made up of Somalis and Chinese from Hong Kong, became the first ship to arrive in Thunder Bay to load grain for Russia—16,000 tons of barley. I made my usual visits to the ship, sold stamps and postcards, and gave them maps of the city; finally, I arranged a sightseeing tour for the crew.

I invited Nelson Merrifield to photograph the ship for the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. Nelson, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, is a faithful member of the choir of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay. He is an amateur photographer, whose slides and pictures have won international awards. In the past decade he has made photographic tours of Asia, Europe, and South and North America, and has shown slides of his travels to audiences in the Lakehead and other countries.

After a picture-snapping session, Nelson and I went aboard to meet the crew, and to have coffee with them. The young good-looking Chinese steward who served us was very proud to tell us that he was a Christian. Later, while mopping the adjoining dining room, he sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers" in Chinese, and we joined him in the chorus after each verse!

I must tell you about the Spanish ship, GAUCHO TAURO, which arrived on



Courtesy of Mr. Nelson Merrifield

Ship in port at the Lakehead

This ship, GRAIGAUR, was visited by the Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson, as part of his work as Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen at Thunder Bay. He took with him on this visit an amateur photographer from St. John's in Thunder Bay, Mr. Nelson Merrifield, who took this excellent photo for the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

September 26, to load grain for Leningrad, Russia. On visiting this ship, I found the Captain to be most genial, and concerned about the welfare of his men. I offered to arrange for Mass to be said aboard the ship the next evening, Saturday, September 27.

It was a unique coincidence that on that day five young men were executed in Spain. The Captain and his crew were very upset, and spoke disparagingly of the Franco regime. I later learned that most of the crew came from Northern Spain, and were Basque sympathizers.

The Rev. J. C. Philippe,

O.M.I., celebrated Mass in Spanish, and spoke to the crew. Although I do not know Spanish, it was easy for me to follow the Mass and join silently in prayers. Later in the week, Fr. Philippe and I were guests of the officers at supper.

I could write many pages of interesting and humorous events that have occurred during my ministry to seafarers in recent months.

Suffice it to say, it is a great joy and privilege to share in this work to 25 nationalities, and to minister to their spiritual and social needs. I must acknowledge that my work is helped by the many different ethnic newspapers I am sent each week, as well as the Scripture helps freely supplied to me by the Canadian Bible Society, the World Missionary Press, and Gospel Recordings.

Bishop attends***Harbour Association met at Lakehead in September***

The Canadian Port and Harbour Association had their annual convention at Thunder Bay during the week of September 7. The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, was a guest at the Sunday evening reception, and took the opening prayers at the start of the convention on the Monday.

Mr. William Tozer (former chaplain at the Lakehead Head Missions to Seamen), the Very Rev. Fr. R. St. James (of the Roman Cath-

olic Diocese of Thunder Bay), and the Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson (current chaplain of the Lakehead Missions to Seamen) took turns saying the Grace at the daily luncheons and the closing banquet on the Wednesday evening.

The convention was attended by Harbour Commissioners and staff from all the main harbours in Canada. Two Cabinet ministers—the Hon. R. K. Andras, and the Hon. Jean Marchand—addressed the gathering.

Three encounter sessions are held for various groups in Sault Ste. Marie

The Third Annual Youth Encounter was held in Sault Ste. Marie on November 28-30.

A Youth Encounter or Cursillo is many things, but chiefly it is a short course in Christianity. It involves a time set aside to help an individual meet Christ in a special and meaningful way. There is a sharing of ideas with others, as well as a pause for renewal and a re-evaluation of Christian living in today's world.

An encounter is a 'live-in' conference that usually begins on a Friday evening and ends on a Sunday evening. During these forty-eight hours of living together there are talks given by a team of priests and young adults. There are other times set aside for praying and playing—for listening to the Word of God, singing, for spiritual direction and for talking and discussion in small groups.

Anyone may attend who is 16 years of age or over,

and who is interested in sharing with others their common concerns and ideas.

The adult version of the Youth Encounter is called a Cursillo (a Spanish word meaning "pilgrimage"). A Cursillo lasts from Thursday evening to Sunday evening.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario.

For further information and application forms, please write the Rev. William Stadnyk, Rector, Holy Trinity Church, 352 Northern Ave., SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario.

Induction service***Fr. Flowers officially welcomed at Lively***

The Rev. Robert T. Flowers, 36, who succeeded the Rev. Canon James F. Hinchliffe, as Rector of Christ Church in Lively was formally inducted into the Parish at 7:30 p.m. on September 23.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Canon George Doolan, Rural Dean of Sudbury, and Rector of the Church of Ressurection in

that city. The Guest Preacher was the Rev. Canon Arthur Chote, Rector of St. Phillip's in Toronto. Canon Chote and Fr. Flowers had worked together when both had been at the Church of the Messiah on Avenue Road in Toronto.

Fr. Flowers comes to the Diocese of Algoma from the Diocese of Toronto, where he had been the Rector of St. Paul's in Brighton, Ont.

A COMMENT***The way God is!***

The thesis of the Christmas story is the same today as it was nineteen hundred years ago—it is not only the good who take God seriously, and it is not only the wicked who ignore Him. Herod took God seriously, so did the Wise Men but the inn-keeper was unable to take God seriously because he could not entertain the wildly impossible notion that God might be somehow mixed up in the inn-keeper's business. In taking God seriously you do not have to be grave and sombre! You can be joyful, and merry, too. For that is the way God is! And that is the way the world can be—in Him.

—Rt. Rev. John E. Hines
Presiding Bishop of the
Episcopal Church

**READ
and
DISCUSS
in
your
PARISH
FAMILY
or
GROUP**

1. POPULATION: *Mankind's puzzle*

The population problem still is referred to as the world's biggest time bomb of all. And there is some justification in presenting such an image, although the explosion of population will be gradual rather than sudden.

Nevertheless, leading statesmen and demographers around the world, as well as concerned groups and individuals, keep sounding various warnings. The United Nations estimates that the world's population was 1 billion in 1830, and took 100 years to double. By next year, world population will have doubled again to 4 billion, and by the end of the century, an additional 1 billion persons will be added every five years.

Mankind cannot afford an overcrowded planet. In Bucharest, Romania, there was a world population conference, sponsored by the United Nations, to discuss problems of overcrowding, as well as possible remedies. It was in August.

What kind of remedies can humanity seek? The main weapons are world-wide population control programs designed to educate many millions of people. It simply is not enough to tell a mother she should not have any more children. The education process has to be thorough, and preferably gradual, if there is to be success.

Better world population education programs will have to be devised. Around the world, and particularly in poorer nations that cannot afford widespread health care, more maternity and post-natal centres will have to be built. With careful planning and co-operation, the population control programs now under way can be speeded up. And with imagination, mankind's ticklish population puzzle can be solved, thus benefitting all of us who live on this planet.

2. NOISE POLLUTION: *An environmental problem*

Why should Joe Wheels, driving a roaring sports car or motorbike, be allowed to bombard the ears of a peace-loving public? Right now, he's within his rights. But he's operating on borrowed time.

New federal/provincial anti-noise laws are now in effect, or soon will be, as environmental ministries crack down on the vroom-vroom offenders. In fact, all gasoline-powered vehicles will be primary targets of general noise control measures. These will aim both to hush mechanical equipment (particularly those super-loud "mufflers"!) and curtail show-off driving habits.

How can such laws be enforced? One plan is to set up a portable meter, like an aural radar trap, to record sound levels. Noise-makers who exceed legal limits will be summoned.

However, don't expect that such steps will suddenly bring idyllic quiet throughout the land. To be practical, noise control must be enforced by stages. For while all new motors are due to conform to legal specifications, older motors can't be quieted without costly modifications.

Nevertheless, relief from irritating traffic noise is in sight. Meantime, what can be done now to reduce its main causes?

Drivers can be encouraged to avoid jack-rabbit starts. And, wherever sound-testing centres are available, drivers can have their vehicles rated and take corrective measures where indicated. Finally, manufacturers of cars and accessories should stop catering to the young drag-racing, Indianapolis-style driver who causes accidents, wastes fuel and shatters eardrums.

Special winter programme

Three Algoma girls are spending winter at Diocesan Camp Manitou

Three girls from the Diocese of Algoma — Nancy Strickland (Trinity Church, Parry Sound), Ann Cole (St. John's, Copper Cliff), and Jennifer Peterson (Christ Church, North Bay) — have embarked upon a personal programme this winter of a somewhat unusual nature.

The three girls are going to spend the winter at Camp Manitou, one of the four Church camps within the Diocese of Algoma. Camp Manitou is eight miles from Whitefish Falls, Ontario.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN has had several reports about the aims and objectives of this project, and the activities planned. However, we are not going to publish these. Rather the girls have undertaken to report to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN about their adventure periodically throughout the winter. This will enable our diocesan readers to be informed of their winter adventure.

The first article written



Here are two girls who are undertaking a special winter program at Camp Manitou. On the left is Miss Nancy Strickland (Trinity Church, Parry Sound), and, on the right, is Miss Ann Cole (St. John's, Copper Cliff). The third girl is Jennifer Peterson (Christ Church, North Bay).

by the girls will appear in a future issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. In this article, the girls will describe the motives and purpose of

their personal experiment and programme, and hopefully will enlighten us about the first few months at Camp Manitou.

Patronal festival

Former rector is guest speaker at parish's "Talent Offering" service

Officially, November 13 is *St. Brice's Day*. However, the parish of St. Brice's in North Bay celebrated its *Patronal Festival* on Sunday, November 16, when the Rev. Canon B. G. Gosse (former Rector) was the Guest Preacher.

At this service, Talent Offerings were received. Last May, at Pentecost, sheets were handed out in the Church, with a dollar attached, encouraging people to use their talents in small ways to make the dollar grow into something more and to bring back the results of the summer's efforts on the Patronal Festival. Over \$75 was handed out in this way.

Some people have been

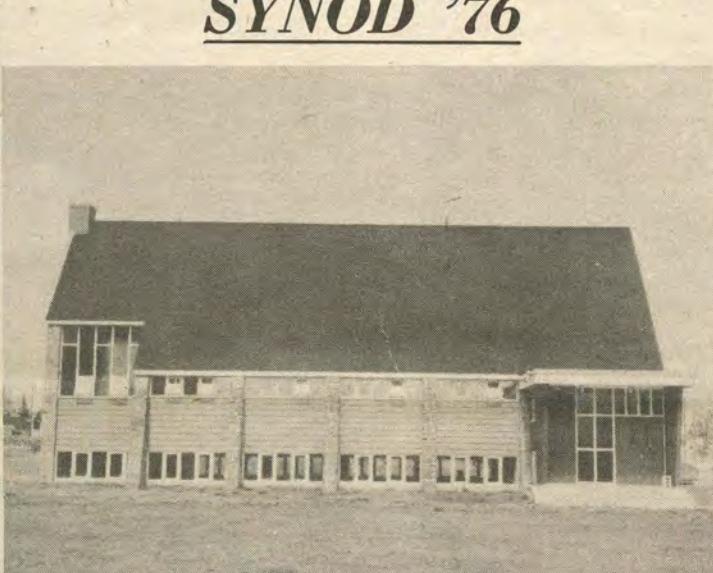
knitting, or baking. The venture is an act of faith, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would be pleased to hear the precise results of this experiment.

At press time, it was planned for the offerings to be presented before the altar, and then given away to some worthy charity of the donor's choice. *The Leprosy Mission, the Bible Society, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and the Cancer Society* are some of the worthy projects which have been mentioned in connection with this project.

As the Ven. David A. P. Smith, Rector of St. Brice's in North Bay, summed it up, "*It is an opportunity to turn your talents to help others!*"



The Rev. Canon B. G. Gosse



St. Paul's, Sundridge



St. John's, South Baymouth



St. John's, Chappleau

Choir will tour England and Scotland during summer

St. Luke's Cathedral all-male choir from Sault Ste. Marie is planning big things for the summer of 1976. They intend to tour England, performing in cathedrals and parish churches for three weeks in August, 1976.

The reason choir director, Mr. John Wood, and the choristers are making plans so far in advance is that they will need a great deal of financing to carry the plans through to completion. Through their liaison offi-

cer, Mr. David Hughes, the choir has been invited to sing in eleven churches.

The tour will take them from the south of England to the north of Scotland. The choir will provide the choral setting for the services in which they will be participating, and will sing music from all periods for the recitals.

St. Luke's Cathedral Choir, Boys and Men of Sault Ste. Marie—that will be the choir's official designation—is made up of 40 voices. It includes 25 trebles

(boy soprano is not the correct term), and 15 men, including several teen-agers.

It is something of a unique choir, and some of its members have quite a record of longevity, to say nothing of loyalty. In fact, there are five father-and-son combinations in the choir complement.

Wives, others, and friends of the choir have formed an auxiliary to sponsor fund-raising projects and have already achieved some success.

A great opportunity

Choir has already raised \$30,000

Anglicans throughout the Diocese of Algoma will be interested to know that the choir has raised in excess of \$30,000 so far, by their many fund-raising ventures and from a personal financial commitment from each choir family.

The St. Luke's Cathedral Choir in Sault Ste. Marie wishes to acknowledge the fine support shown to them thus far, which is encouraging them to continue the task at hand—no small endeavour, because they understand their responsibility and commitment to God, to the task musically, and to the good people for whom

they will perform, and indeed to their very selves.

This to them is a chance of a life-time—a tremendous spiritual, musical, academic, and cultural experience. This opportunity is not considered by them as a 'by-play of life'; instead, it is a 'moulding or a shaping of a life, a young life of a choir member as the soul would desire and affirm'.

This immense effort is multi-faced, moreover. Despite the tour, the music relative to the tour, and all of the many other minor and major sundry preparations connected with the preparations for the tour, the music

Sunday-by-Sunday at St. Luke's Cathedral must be maintained and developed by the choirmaster and his choir.

Further to that, St. Luke's Cathedral Choir does not dare perform in the great Cathedrals of England with less than the highest calibre of musicianship. Indeed, it is frightening and awesome.

These two situations call upon each choir member to make many sacrifices. It is almost "all work and no play" during the next ten months, and particularly during the time the choir is overseas.

Various activities planned

"Pickwick Fair" held at cathedral

Saturday, September 20, was the date of the *Pickwick Fair* held on the grounds of St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. The day was full of excitement, starting at 10 a.m. with nine games of skill, a fish pond, and lucky dips.

"A fantastic fortune teller!", "Unique photo backdrops", and "Specialized craft tables!" — all these were billed from 10:30 a.m. on. From 12 noon until 6 p.m., there was free live entertainment featuring the Twirlettes, the Irish Dancers, the Pulente Brothers, the Tarentella Dancers, Trixie Hardy Dancers, and

the Mount St. Joseph's Folk Group.

An auction sale of antiques, new merchandise, and novelties, lasted from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There was a preview of the items at 10 a.m. Food booths were open all day with favourite carnival foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, candy floss, ice cream, and soft drinks.

Tea and scones were served from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and a fish and chip dinner from 4:30 until 6 p.m. A horseshoe tournament was another fair attraction with a trophy and prize going to the winner.

In the evening, there was

a dance from 8 until 11:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the fair will go to help finance the *St. Luke's Choir Concert Tour of England and Scotland* during the summer of 1976.

Other fund raisers for this worthy cause over the months ahead will be *Cookbook Sales*, *Macdonald's Meal Ticket Sales*, a *Pancake Supper*, a *Mother's Day Brunch*, a *Dessert Bridge*, a *Book Sale* (each Thursday evening), *Garage Sales*, *Rummage Sales*, an *Organ Recital and Concert*.

The Choir at the moment is engaged in a "Chocolate Bar Selling Blitz"!

Organist and choirmaster

John Wood leads impressive venture

Mr. John Wood, the organist and choir director at St. Luke's Cathedral, assumed his duties there on January 6, 1974. He is an Anglican, originally from Stratford, Ontario, and studied organ at Trinity College of Music, London, England, and voice and choral music at the Royal School of Church Music in Croydon, England.

He came to St. Luke's from Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas, Ontario, where he had been the organist and choirmaster for three years. He began his studies in Stratford under Mr. Blackburn, who was a former organist and

choirmaster at St. Luke's Cathedral.

While in St. Thomas, Mr. Wood established a boys' and men's choir, called St. Nicholas Choir, which attained an international reputation. It now looks as if he

is about to lead St. Luke's Choir in the same direction.

The Diocese of Algoma, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, wish Mr. Wood and St. Luke's Cathedral Choir all the best in their impressive venture during 1976.

Choir has already won a Kiwanis Festival competition

On Tuesday, April 15, 1975, St. Luke's Cathedral Choir participated in the 1975 *Kiwanis Music Festival* at the Clayton Auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie.

They were in a class with St. Andrew's and Emmanuel United senior choirs.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to report that the St. Luke's Cathedral Choir won the trophy!



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

A cathedral choirboy . . .
Master Teddy Jeglum, Choirboy
St. Luke's Cathedral



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

. . . and his choirmaster
Mr. John Wood, Organist and Choirmaster
St. Luke's Cathedral

Fr. Tom Corston**Ordination service held at Kirkland Lake church****The Rev. Tom Corston**

One of the four deacons who were ordained priests at the conclusion of the Moosonee Synod, held at St. Peter's Church in Kirkland Lake, is the Rev. Tom Corston, a former resident of Chapleau, Ontario.

The Most Rev. James Watton, Archbishop of Moosonee and Metropolitan of Ontario, officiated with a large number of diocesan

clergy in attendance. The guest preacher was the Rev. Dr. Reginald Stackhouse, newly installed Principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto. Last year, in his graduating year, Fr. Corston was the Senior Student at the College.

Fr. Corston was ordained to the Diaconate a year ago in St. John's, Chapleau, by Archbishop Watton.

The many friends and relatives of Fr. Corston in the Diocese of Algoma attended his ordination to the priesthood. Among those was the Rev. Ken Gibbs, Rector of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake, and Rural Dean of Mississauga. Fr. Gibbs was once the Rector of St. John's, Chapleau, where Fr. Corston grew up.

Fr. Corston, 27, spent the summer months in the parish of St. John's in Foleyet.

The Diocese of Algoma, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, would like to take this opportunity to wish Fr. Corston God's blessing in his work as a priest in the Church of God in the Diocese of Moosonee.

Preliminary itinerary**Cathedral choir will visit many points of interest during tour**

If the preliminary itinerary is any indication, the trip planned by Mr. David Hughes for the St. Luke's Cathedral Choir Concert Tour of England and Scotland will be simply fantastic.

In a letter to Mr. John Wood, St. Luke's Cathedral organist and choirmaster, Mr. Hughes said that "the Choir will have VIP treatment, more than any other choir visiting this country—and there are some hundreds from all parts of the world every summer".

He went on to say, "I hope the Choir will appreciate all the special guests who will be attending different services as there will be singing of a fine calibre by your choir. In attendance will be Lords, Ladies, Lord Mayors, Lord Lieutenants, Bishops, Directors of Music, and so on . . .".

St. Luke's Cathedral Choir will be arriving at Heathrow Airport on Friday, July 30. On Saturday, they will see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, visit the Parliament Buildings and Westminster Abbey, and attend a welcome reception in the evening at Regent Hall.

On Sunday, August 1, the Choir will sing at the new St. Paul's Church, Portman Square. On Monday, the Choir will visit Westerham, the home of Sir Winston Churchill and birthplace of General Wolfe, and in the evening will sing at Canterbury Cathedral.

On Tuesday, they will tour H.M.S. Victory at Portsmouth, Lord Nelson's flagship. On Wednesday, the group will be singing a recital and Evensong at Beauclerc Abbey, visiting the Na-

tional Motor Car Museum, and visiting Christ Church Priory.

They will tour Wilton House, the home of the Earl of Pembroke, on Thursday, as well as sing a recital at Salisbury Cathedral, and in the late afternoon, visit Stonehenge and Bemerton Church.

Friday will see a visit to Glastonbury, Bath, and Stratford-upon-Avon. On Saturday, they will take part in a recital with the Salvation Army Concert Band at Coventry Cathedral.

The following day, the Choir will visit the Church of England almshouses at Burton-upon-Trent. That day they will also take part in an open-air recital and visit Derby.

After visiting the Rolls Royce factory at Derby, the group will travel to Edinburgh. There will be a recital there, shared with the Salvation Army Concert Band (at St. Giles' Cathedral).

The following day, they will travel to Glasgow, and sing at an open air service in St. George's Square.

Friday, August 13, will be taken up with a visit to the Roman Hadrian's Wall, and a recital at Hexham Abbey. A visit to George Washington's ancestral home, and seeing the first railway and Yorkminster will occupy their time on Saturday.

On Sunday, August 15, St. Luke's Cathedral Choir will sing at the three services at Durham Cathedral, and on Monday, they will head back to London.

The remaining three days of the tour will include a visit to Windsor Castle, singing Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral, and touring the City of London.

Charnock window dedicated**Bishop Nock visits St. Paul's**

It was reported in last month's ALGOMA ANGLICAN that on September 7, 1975, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, officiated at the dedication of the Charnock Window in St. Paul's Church, Thunder Bay.

Since that time, more information has arrived. The theme of the window is Jesus' challenging invitation to every person: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." (Revelation 3:20)

The design of the window reproduces the famous picture by W. Holman Hunt (1827-1910), entitled "The Light of the World". This picture has an interesting history. Hunt first painted the subject as a young man in 1849, and the work hangs in Keble College, Oxford. Fifty-one years later, he painted a 'replica' of the original, with numerous small variations. It is this better-known version of 1900 which was shown around the world, and then hung in St. Paul's Cathedral (London) in 1908, and which is reproduced in the new stained-glass window (made in Toronto by Robert McCausland Ltd.) at St. Paul's, Thunder Bay.

The window is the gift of Mr. Edmund George Charnock, who is one of the few surviving founders of St. Paul's, and who has worshipped there with singular faithfulness since the opening of the Church in 1908. He has served the Church with devotion and distinction.

Mr. Charnock has long had it in his mind to donate a window to the glory of God in order to complete the set of stained glass windows in the nave of St. Paul's. He set the project in motion in 1974, and suggested the Christ-exalting subject of the new window. Concerning this gift from himself and his family, he stresses

**Mr. E. G. Charnock**

very movingly that "it is but a small token of what we should give to God for all His blessings".

Prior to the dedication of the window, it was covered by drapes, and at the appropriate moment on September 8, Mr. Charnock pulled the rope to unveil it.

The entire parish was thrilled that Mr. Charnock

was able to be there that day, since he had previously been seriously ill since the beginning of June. He turned 95 on September 23.

Immediately after the dedication by Bishop Nock, Mr. Don Shuttleworth (St. Paul's Chimes-Ringer) expressed the joy of the parish by ringing changes on St. Paul's ten tower bells.

Parish prepares for Centennial**Many activities are planned**

In 1976, Holy Trinity Parish in Sault Ste. Marie will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Anglican services began in the former Tarentarous Township in July of 1876.

The Annual Vestry Meeting, a Centennial Committee was set up to observe this Centennial in a significant and appropriate manner.

The Centennial Year will officially begin on November 30, 1975, the First Sunday in Advent, with a family participation in the Offertory at the Eucharist.

On December 31, there will be a Church Service, with a social hour afterwards in the Church Hall to start the New Year.

In October of 1976, there will be a Centennial Dance.

An effort is being made to secure pictures of all the former rectors, to be placed in a suitable location. Also, the former living rectors will be invited as guest preachers on varying Sundays, with

receptions held for them on the preceding Saturday evenings.

The parish is looking for a Church member to volunteer to be a "Keeper of the Archives", so that a parish history can be compiled and added to, "as it happens!"

Other Centennial Projects include a Centennial Harvest Casserole Luncheon, a Centennial Gift to the Church

(of a nature not yet decided), a Centennial Sign to be placed on the front lawn, a Centennial Banner, a Centennial Pin, and a Centennial Calendar of Events.

The Centennial Committee Members are the following: Henry Speer (Chairman), Les Figures, Kay Merrifield, Marion Savela, Marie Eglesfield, Beverly Gaines, Jo Howson, and Herb Cane.

Centennial**TRINITY CHURCH, Parry Sound**

The Centennial Committee of the Trinity Anglican Church, Parry Sound, Ontario, is desirous of receiving any and all information regarding the history of the Church, and more particularly, the year 1876, when the Church was built.

On many occasions, Anglicans and non-Anglicans in the community have been interested enough to come forward with advice and comments, and it is hoped that at this time more people will provide this service to mutual advantage.

Please contact Mrs. Mary Harris by letter c/o Trinity Church, Parry Sound, Ontario, or telephone 1-705-746-5221.

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA . . .

The Rev. Robert Flowers (the new Rector of Christ Church in Lively) and Mrs. Flowers held an "Open House" at the Rectory in Lively on Sunday, October 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Entire families from the parish enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments. . . . The congregation of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay (where the Rev. Canon James Hinchliffe was Rector from 1954-71) sent a retirement gift to the Hinchliffes upon his retirement from Lively to Port Sydney. . . . The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, returned to St. Luke's Cathedral (where he was Rector and Dean for 17 years) on October 26, 1975, to dedicate some plaques for the organ, which has now been discharged of any debt. . . . Trinity Church, Parry Sound, welcomed the Diocesan ACW President, Mrs. Ellen May, and the Diocesan ACW Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Johnson, to the September ACW meeting in that parish. Mrs. May gave an enlightening talk on the Diocesan Executive and how they manage to co-ordinate the work of the ACW in the very large Diocese of Algoma. . . . St. Mary's ACW, Vickers Heights, (in the West Thunder Bay Parish) held a smorgasbord on September 27 at the Vickers Heights Community Centre from 5 until 7 p.m. . . . The Rev. Canon George Doolan, Rural Dean of Sudbury, and Rector of the Church of the Resurrection in that city, inducted the Rev. Michael Hankinson at the Church of the Ascension on Sparks Street in New Sudbury on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. . . . The Most Rev. W. L. Wright, former Diocesan of Algoma, gave four addresses to the clergy of the Western New York Diocese on September 10, 1975. . . . On Sunday, September 28, the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay held a dedication service for some hymn books, and some church furniture and fixtures. Since some these were initiated by the Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson before he retired as Rector of that parish, he was the guest



Rev. Canon A. J. Thomson

preacher for the occasion. . . . The Rev. Ralph Rowe, of the Aircraft Ministry in the Diocese of Keewatin, who was one of the guest speakers at the Algoma Diocesan ACW Annual in Thunder Bay during May, was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora, on September 21, 1975. . . . The Rev. Eric Paterson, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, was the guest preacher at the Harvest Festival of the parish of St. Brice's in North Bay, on September 21, 1975. . . . The Rt. Rev. F. F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, visited three colleges while on a visit to Southern Ontario for meetings. He visited Huron College in London, Ontario, on November 4, and addressed the theological students, and preached at Evensong in the Chapel. On November 5, he visited Wycliffe College in Toronto during the day, and in the evening attended the installation of the Rev. Dr. Reginald Stackhouse as Principal of that College. Finally, on November 6, he returned to his alma mater, Trinity College in Toronto, and spoke to the theological students there. . . . Two carloads of choristers from Trinity Anglican Church in Parry Sound recently attended a "Hymn Sing" in Gravenhurst Trinity United Church. This was a workshop conducted by Fred Kaan, a hymn writer from Geneva, Switzerland. A buf-

fet supper and a massed choir hymn sing concluded the day's program. . . . Some ACW members of the parish of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake visited the senior citizens of the area residing in Huron Lodge, for an evening of music, song, and games. These were enjoyed by all participating; the Elliot Lake ACW plan on a repeat performance during the Christmas season. . . . The Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury held a special service on September 28, at 7:30 p.m., when married couples attended to renew their marriage vows. It was followed by a Social Hour for these couples. . . . Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie held its Annual Snowflake Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, November 8. . . . The Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson, Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen in Thunder Bay, is finding that there are more and more 'little ways' to help the seamen individually. For example, this summer he took rolls of film from an engineer (from India) and a deck hand (from Yugoslavia) to be developed; subsequently, Canon Thomson mailed them to the seamen in care of their company in Antwerp, Belgium. These little tasks are very much appreciated by the seamen. . . . On June 8, two brass flower vases were dedicated at Christ Church in Lively, in loving memory of Earle Woodger, presented by his wife, Lucy. . . . Trinity Topics", a newsletter from Trinity Church in Parry Sound, has been revived. It was originally edited by the late Mrs. Florence Peto, but of late had been out of circulation. It is now a group enterprise, and will be printed quarterly. . . . On Sunday, September 14, the Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury observed a "Loyalty Sunday", when all members of the Church were asked to come and renew their commitment to God in Christ in His Church. . . . Camp Gitchigomee held an "Open House" at the Church Camp at Sandstone Lake, on the afternoon of September 7. . . . The Church of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder

Bay has a new organist in the person of Mrs. Marianne Still. Mr. Hughes had found it necessary to retire because of his university involvement. . . . Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie also has a new organist. He is Mr. Gary Avery, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery of Sault Ste. Marie. Gary is a graduate of McMaster University, and is employed with the City Housing Authority. The congregation of Holy Trinity parish held a Reception on Friday, October 17, from 7 until 9 p.m. to honour Mr. Ross Keenan, the former organist, for his ten years of faithful, patient service. . . . Trinity Church in Parry Sound has expanded its program for the Sunday School to two sessions on Sunday morning—at 9:30 and at 11 a.m. The second session is to enable families with young children to come together for the morning services. . . . St. John's in North Bay held a Potluck Supper on October 5, and were visited at that time by the Covenant Players. Others from the various Anglican parishes in the city also attended. . . . The Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury held its Harvest Thanksgiving on September 21 with a special service, and a Potluck Lunch following the service. At the service, the Thanksgiving Offering was given to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, to feed the hungry of the earth. . . . Camp Co-ordinator Bob Stewardson, of Camp Gitchigomee, reports that both refrigerators at the camp have broken down and need to be replaced. Anyone in the area buying a new refrigerator is asked to consider giving the old one to the Camp. . . . The Rev. Canon Paul DeLong celebrated the 9 a.m. Eucharist at St. Brice's, North Bay, on September 28, when the Rector, the Ven. D. A. P. Smith, was in Sudbury as guest preacher at the Church of the Epiphany's Harvest Thanksgiving service. . . . Oil paintings of Camp Temiskaming by Miss Muriel Newton White are on sale for the price of \$15. All proceeds go to the camp.

Contact Mrs. Margo Smith, c/o St. Brice's Church, 1225 Cassells Street, North Bay, Ontario. . . . The Temiskaming ACW Annual Deanery Meeting was held on Saturday, October 18, at St. Brice's Church in North Bay. The day began with a 10 a.m. Eucharist, and the program continued until 3:30 p.m. At the meeting plans were made for the Diocesan Annual which will be held in North Bay next May. . . . The Ven. H. D. Cleverdon, former Archdeacon of Scarborough in the Diocese of Toronto, and now a retired priest from the Diocese of Toronto, has been assisting at the morning services at Trinity Church in Parry Sound. . . . Last June, the Rev. H. Morrow, Rector of the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay, opened the camping season at Camp Gitchigomee with a service of Evening Prayer in the Chapel. At this service, there was the Dedication and Placing of the Commemorative Plaque in the Chapel for the life, work and witness of Archbishop W. L. Wright. Capt. Dickson, Assistant from St. Paul's, Thunder Bay, placed the plaque on the wall as the representative of the Camp. Mrs. Morrow was the organist for the occasion. . . . The Rev. David Hemming, Superior of SSJE in Bracebridge, conducted a Priests' Retreat at the SSJD in Willowdale, Ontario, from November 3-6. . . . The Rev. and Mrs. H. Morrow, of St. John's in Thunder Bay, attended a week-long course on "Family Clusters" in Paris, Ontario during August of this year.

A North Bay church plans an expansion

The building committee of St. Brice's in North Bay met on October 13 to discuss proposals concerning an expansion to the Church building.

Prior to this a large truck, with a huge power post-hole digger had been exploring the depths beneath the Church lawn. The wardens have been working on a serious proposal regarding the addition of a narthex to the Church building.

Already, Mr. Austin Whitehead had drawn up a sketch which appears to be not only attractive and functional, but also within the financial reach of the parish.

The wardens hope to include in the new narthex a large space for coats and display tables and for gathering outside the Church nave proper (for wedding parties, for example). This space could also be used for overflow, and as a 'crying room' for babies.

The narthex would also include a study for the Rector, and on a lower level, washrooms and a further meeting room. There would also be access to the Church basement, looking forward to the day when that space could be finished and utilized.

A personal experience

Looking face to face with Jesus gave me the realization which I so needed

(Ed. Note. This article was sent to us by Molly Kovaleski, correspondent to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN for the parish of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake. She felt that this experience should be shared with our diocesan readers. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN agrees.)

How can I selfishly meditate upon my own suffering when I recall the longest night of my life? Weighed down by thoughts of how I had so often been deceived or abandoned by those I had loved and trusted, and how my honest intentions had been misunderstood over and over again, I seemed to stumble on aimlessly through

an endless darkness.

From the very depth of my being a great sorrow cried out for relief, but there was no answer . . . only a deafening silence. Suddenly, I was touched by something which at first I did not recognize, but looking up I saw that it was the Cross. Weary with all my cares, I leaned against it. I felt helpless and alone, forsaken by all, betrayed by everyone and everything I had believed in.

As I reflected on my own miserable condition, I heard a long shuddering sigh above me which seemed to engulf the whole world. It surprised me that I had not noticed the broken figure on the

Cross previously, but now I beheld Him clearly.

I looked into His face; it should have been a mask of pain and revenge, I thought, but I saw instead only a quiet pity. Time seemed to stop; the instant of my existence became eternity as I gazed deep into His eyes. How incredible that they could still shine in HOPE, blinded as they were by tears shed for a faithless humanity.

His heart touched mine; I knew then who He was. Without speaking, His strangely smiling lips promised that I would never be alone again. Ignorant, self-centred mortal that I am, I did not understand then, nor

do I now, how He could want to die for a wicked race which did not love Him, or even care who He was.

I only know that He gave me the strength to face the coming sunrise and a faith which would never fail again no matter how sorely it would be tried by false friends and adverse circumstances.

Not until I met Jesus face to face did I realize how He had saved me, not only from my sins, but from myself as well.

—Jay S. Madsen, Vice-President, Scarborough College, University of Toronto, West Hill, Ontario.

THE SMITHS REPORT THEIR ADVENTURES ALONG CPR LINE

"A tentative covenant with God is confirmed during the summer"

There is no doubt that our summer spent between Chapleau and Biscotasing will remain etched on our memories.

Where does one begin to evaluate such a full summer of experience? It is impossible to over-emphasize the need for all theology students, studying for Holy Orders, to spend at least one summer in a Northern Ontario parish! I stress Northern Ontario, as friends who had spent their time in a Southern Ontario summer parish tell of an entirely different experience.

I embarked on my summer adventure feeling inadequately prepared for what I knew lay ahead. Four months later, I simply realize that all I have added to this is a greater sense of my inadequacy. Yet, now, with eight months to finish my training, I am trying to absorb years worth of study.

In particular, I found that my practical, every-day application of Scripture is wanting. This was one area I entered the summer, feeling confident that I had learned something of this previously.

Marj and I came to realize that the old saying "*the family who prays together, stays together*" was not an old saying, but it was a philosophical gem. Prayer had always played an important part in our lives, but we

learned that missing our daily prayers created tensions which hindered the Lord's working through us.

We were dependent upon each other for close fellowship and the importance of being faithful to this responsibility of prayer was pointed out to us numerous times throughout the summer.

With this summer's glimpse at actual parish life, my academic pursuits gained more direction. I had a criterion by which to measure my intellectual gains. I had a somewhat better idea of which course would be of most value to me in the future.

For example, I would never (prior to the summer) have considered a course termed "*Counselling the Alcoholic*". However, this summer, I found that alcoholism is an unavoidable issue about which I know very little.

I began attending A.A. meetings in Chapleau, and Marj began attending Al-Anon, simply because of our own feelings of inadequacy and frustration in dealing with alcoholics. We discovered, to our own disappointment, that these meetings are sadly lacking in participation by the clergy. Several members of these two groups were delighted that the Church actually was interested in their day-to-day coping with a major problem, up and above the spirit-

ual level.

One of the most important lessons I gained was in recognizing the need to continue growing spiritually myself in order that I might encourage others. My own immaturity was pointed out this summer, and under God's patient guidance, I believe that my last year at Huron College in London, will be only the beginning of a lifelong spiritual pilgrimage.

God is faithful and patient. We thank Him for the opportunity of parish life from behind the collar. This experience has not only enriched our own personal lives, but has shed light on the practical aspects of parish ministry as well (in areas such as hospital visiting, parish visiting, publishing bulletins, and so on).

Before this summer, I was sure that I was called to be a parish priest in Northern Ontario. This summer confirmed this tentative covenant with God, and in some respects abated some anxieties, much in the same way a honeymoon relieves some of the primary surface problems faced during courtship.

The Lord willing, I pray that I am at least a tiny step closer to being the priest He would ordain me to be. His purpose is that I do, not as I will, but as He wills.

—Jerry W. Smith



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith

(Ed. Note. Mr. Jerry Smith, a third-year student at Huron College in London, Ontario, along with his wife, Marj, and their three-months old daughter, Adrienne, spent the summer of 1975 along the CPR mission of Biscotasing and Ramsey. At the instigation of the Rt. Rev. Frank Nock, Bishop of Algoma, both Jerry and Marj have written a short account of their thoughts about the summer. There is something delightfully honest and straight-forward about their thoughts that the ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to publish them. Jerry's article is a personal account of the way the summer influenced his ideas, actions and pursuits; Marj's humour shines through the journey of discovery she describes in her article. Upon graduation, Jerry will be returning to the Diocese of Algoma to serve his ministry here.)

The diary of a babbling housewife — "My discoveries!"

This summer provided a wonderful opportunity for me to explore some new areas geographically, physically and spiritually. I have not yet accustomed myself to wearing a thick layer of not-so-pungent, and somewhat useless chemical grease, in order that the swarms of descending bugs might get their landing gear put in temporary disarray.

Nor have I yet grown fond of the idea of traipsing (if one can call running full speed ahead traipsing) to an outhouse in the dead of night, when everything, including the bushes, is contrarily coming to life, growing teeth, and growling like a bear.

However, I am encouraged by the notification that blackflies disappear from September to April, and one only has to contend with minor difficulties such as frostbite and pneumonia!

As for plumbing, the grapevine has it that most rectories are installed with that wonderful invention, called the flush toilet. Those less fortunate rectories, which still rely on the hole-in-the-board method of disposal, I am informed, have sand-papered edges and are within a mile of the house. I am greatly relieved to hear this.

For all its lack of home comforts, I found Biscotasing had a surplus supply of the things which we would term necessities. I found that I learned a great deal about my natural environment. When you are forced

to make friends with squirrels, pinebugs, etc., and your roof has not been equipped with lightning rods, you soon discover an almost extinct abstraction called 'faith'. If your rain barrel does not fill up, then you wear dirty clothes; if it rains on Sunday, your husband is temporarily unemployed.

One learns to be specific in prayer. I would have considered it ridiculous at one time in my life to pray for things like rain, or protection. For, after all, I had the police force, the weather bureau, the supermarket, and, if all else failed, the better business bureau, to protect me!

This summer, I learned not only to pray for rain, but to be specific. There is nothing worse than stepping on your husband's toes. Liberation has its point, but when a wife gets more concerned about forest fires, than about hell fire, and prays for rain on a Saturday night, there could be serious repercussions. I prayed for rain six times, and I got rain six times! I have in one summer learned the difference between coincidence and faith. 'Coincidence' works five times out of ten; 'faith' works eleven times out of ten. God goes by a baker's dozen!

Spending a great deal of time with yourself and with God provides the perfect opportunity to get to know yourself. Privacy is a word that is going out of style in the city! With windows

nose-to-nose, and the orchestral belch of televisions and traffic, silence is one thing very few city-dwellers have to deal with.

Driven indoors by the hum of insect traffic, and too many unintentional rendezvous with blackflies at busy intersections (such as the outhouse and the well), I found silence this summer was a major companion which I could not ignore.

Nature, even out a window, has a somewhat inspirational quality, wooing you to meditation. I found that trees made great friends, and great spiritual aids, except for the Spruce bud-worms which provided more of a neurotic compulsion to duck and brush oneself more than anything. I do hope when the net of unkoshed animals descended to Peter, to coerce him to adopt Gentile ways, that a Spruce bud-worm was not present. Such things break camels' backs.

I found the simplicity of life and the community consciousness one of the most drawing factors about the summer. It felt good to have an excuse to expend my energy without a can-opener or a blender doing it for me. It felt good to live once again in awe of the elements. Earth is earth, full of dew worms to feed the nest of baby robins outside the church. It is not a bag of potter's soil bought in the gardening centre at Woolco or K-Mart.

Water is water, non-chlorinated, non-polluted, and full

of delicious minerals and vitamins, usually strained out by the city's process of purification.

Best of all, people are people, needing each other, generous, loving, gossiping (Paul, you never lived in a small town when you wrote about 'gossip'—how does one cure a lifetime habit?).

I sometimes fear for our cities, when I see how alienated the individual is, how totally reliant on such cold and impersonal things as the media, shopping malls and city government.

The people of the North

can watch a tomato grow, can help each other because their community is too small to have committees paid and appointed to do the things God intended for the conscience.

I learned so much that it is impossible to begin to tell all of it. All I do know is that life became more invigorating, more passionate, and more pure this summer. And, I found out that God was my next-door neighbour. He lives in the tree outside my window, and in the eyes of a child, and in the heart of a wise old man.

—Marj Smith

Still more from around Algoma . . .

Congratulations to Mr. William Rudiak, organist at St. Peter's in Elliot Lake, for winning an award recently offered in Northern Ontario by the CBC as encouragement to him in his musical talents. . . . The best wishes of the Diocese are extended to Brother Brian Bostwick, who towards the end of the summer, made his three vows and, thereby, his Life Profession. It was a great occasion for the SSJE in Bracebridge, as they welcomed him warmly as a life member of that Society. Brother Brian is now completing his academic studies at Laurentian University, where he is sharing with Dr. Bruce Matthews and Dean Ross Kreager the various

pastoral activities of Thorne-loe College in Sudbury. . . . Mr. James Budd, of the Red Sea Mission, visited the 7 p.m. service of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay, on October 19, 1975. . . . The "Balfour Bursaries Fund" as of early September was \$2,130. This is a fund set up by St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, the interest from which will assist theological students. . . . Fr. Francis Dalby of SSJE in Bracebridge has gone to England for a visit of some eight months, and will return in June of 1976. In his place, Fr. Cyril Woolley of the English SSJE will be at Bracebridge from December to June, and will conduct the Advent Retreat from December 15 to 20.

Wycliffe's new principal**Dr. R. F. Stackhouse**

On Wednesday, November 5, 1975, in University of Toronto's Convocation Hall, the Rev. Reginald F. Stackhouse, M.A., B.D., L.Th., Ph.D., was installed as the sixth principal of Wycliffe College in Toronto. (Please see the CANADIAN CHURCH-MAN for complete details and photos of this event concerning one of Canada's theological colleges.)

Representing the Diocese of Algoma at this impressive ceremony was the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma. He had addressed the theological students of Wycliffe College that afternoon.

There were many bishops in attendance as well as dignitaries from the educational and political worlds. Dr. Stackhouse has been influential in the Church, Educa-

tion, and Politics, and this was obvious from the numbers gathered to make this new chapter in the College's history a memorable beginning of a second century.

Graduates of Wycliffe College, now serving the Diocese of Algoma, who attended are the following: the Rev. Maurice Wilkinson, Trinity Church, Parry Sound (a graduate of 1948); the Rev. Ken Gibbs, St. Peter's, Elliot Lake (a graduate of 1961); the Rev. B. Rod Brazill, St. John's, New Liskeard (a graduate of 1964); the Rev. Walter Johnson, Honorary Assistant at Huntsville (a graduate of 1951); and the Rev. Roger W. McCombe, Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN (a graduate of 1970).

Also attending from the Diocese of Algoma was Dr. V. Bruce Matthews, Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Thorneloe College in Sudbury; he represented Thorneloe College, and processed with the other Heads of Colleges from throughout the province and country.

After the installation, which included greetings from the various dignitaries (headed by the Hon. Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario), and an address by the new principal, the guests, graduates and friends of Wycliffe College gathered at the College for a reception.

"Are you busy?"**Think about a New Year's resolution**

(Ed. Note. The following article was first printed in a publication, entitled WESTERN LUTHERAN, and was subsequently published in the "Church Magazine", by the Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Rector of St. Thomas', and Archdeacon of Thunder Bay.)

Dear God:

I'm sorry you made Sunday where you did. You see it is like this—we could attend church more regularly if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired out. Not only that but it is the day following Saturday night.

Saturday evening, you know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party, and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, and especially when they have it so early. Then there are the dishes to wash, and

we always have some things we just have to wash out.

I mean no disrespect, dear God, but you must realize you have picked out the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing the dinner.

Then, too, you must think of John. He is cooped up in his office all week and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car and to mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are all greasy you couldn't expect him to be able to get off and go to church.

I am telling you these things, dear God, because I want you to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are not able to get to Church on Sunday mornings. We would like to go and need to go. But it must be clear to you that the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day we shall be glad to go to church and Sunday School and be more faithful.

Sincerely yours,
I. M. BUSY

Special note

The Editor regrets the inconvenience of the delivery of this edition. We hope all copies were received.

Deadlines for January's material are UNKNOWN!

SEASON'S GREETINGS**FROM THE ALGOMA ANGLICAN****Towards the twentieth . . .**

This is the fourth year for "Season's Greetings" from the present Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN to the readers of this diocesan paper. As the Editor sat down and contemplated this particular subject, he wondered whether to extend *Christmas Greetings* or *New Year's Greetings*. If Postmaster-General Bryce Mackasey has his way, the Editor might better be pondering "Easter Greetings".

Since the arrival of this edition of your diocesan paper in your homes is uncertain, it might be wiser to stick with the more general "Season's Greetings".

At this time, we would like to extend our best wishes by quoting a poem of Lawrence Ferlinghetti (as we did last year). Last year's poem was his "Christ climbed down"; this year's is simply #5 from his collection. Both appear in his book, A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND.

**No. 5
by Lawrence Ferlinghetti**

Sometime during eternity

some guys show up

and one of them

who shows up real late

is a kind of carpenter

from some square-type place

like Galilee

and he starts wailing

and claiming he is hep

to who made heaven

and earth

and that the cat

who really laid it on us

is his Dad

And moreover

he adds

It's all writ down

on some scroll-type parchments

which some henchmen

leave lying around the Dead Sea somewhere

a long time ago

and which you won't even find

for a couple thousand years or so

or at least for

nineteen hundred and fortyseven

of them

to be exact

and even then

nobody really believes them

or me

for that matter

You're hot

they tell him

And they cool him

They stretch him on the Tree to cool

And everybody after that

is always making models

of this Tree

with Him hung up

and always crooning His name

and calling Him to come down

and sit in

on their combo

as if he is the king cat

who's got to blow

or they can't quite make it

Only he don't come down

from His Tree

Him just hang there

on His Tree

looking real Petered out

and real cool

and also

according to a roundup

of late world news

from the usual unreliable sources

real dead

THIS ISSUE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN THE CHURCH

Part 1: The situation as it now exists in our churches



Courtesy of Paul Smith

Certainly one of the issues discussed at length by General Synod at Quebec City in June of this year, and an issue that will be faced at Algoma's Synod '76, is the matter of Christian Initiation. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN this month presents the first of several articles concerning the practice of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Communion.

(Ed. Note. One of the issues which faces the Anglican Church at the moment, and which should be discussed at the upcoming Synod '76 of the Diocese of Algoma, is that of Christian Initiation. As a result, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN will present a series of articles concerning

this issue over the next few months.)

The more I read and think about this question of Christian Initiation, the more I call to mind the Roman playwright's famous line, "Quot homines, tot sententiae" ("There are as many opin-

ions as men"). Comments tend to vary from those who are definitely satisfied with the present initiatory rites to those who wish to scrap everything and to begin anew.

For example, there are some who insist that the

It is the wish of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN that each of its readers may celebrate (or will have celebrated) a Christ-centred Christmas, and that the true spirit of Christmas may dwell (or will have dwelt) in your hearts, your homes, your churches, and your Diocese.

1975 has been a changing time for the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, and with that in mind, as we face 1976, the Editor would like to offer a special thank you to all those who extended their best wishes to him and his family as they left the Diocese of Algoma, and took up residence in Ingersoll, in the Diocese of Huron.

The Editor has been grateful to all those clergy and lay people who have contributed the articles and photos for publication during the year, and who have continued to do so, in spite of the 'roving Editor'. I regret the difficulties caused by the postal strike, and you have been most patient and helpful. It is you who have made the success of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, and have made the task of the Editor much more simple and easy.

At this time, the Editor would like to thank the new Bishop for his support and encouragement. He has been most congenial in adhering to my increasingly demanding deadlines, and in supporting the flow of material towards the Editor by sending various items which he collects as he makes his episcopal visits around the vast Diocese of Algoma.

Finally, thank you also to the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. Din Oosterbaan. He too has been most helpful, but I can't seem to get him to send the Editor a photograph of himself and his family for publication. Many have written and asked why this has not been done; perhaps this public rebuke will either encourage or infuriate him to do so.

My annual greeting must include my expression of gratitude to Mrs. L. Dew (our Circulation Manager), who in the past few months has taken on a mammoth new task in the re-organization of our computerized system, and has done a great job. We know that the postal strike will have caused great confusion in this area as well. And to Mrs. Rose (the Episcopal Secretary) without whose frequent notes, reminders, biographical sketches, photos, and warnings, this job as Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would be impossible.

With the publication of the January issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, there will begin the twentieth year for this Diocesan paper. It is my hope that as we enter 1976, you will continue to support it as you have in the past, and that it will continue to provide that communicative link within the Diocese which is so essential.

As always, there is that compulsion from a Classics teacher to end on a Latin note. And so, from this little bit of Algoma residing in the Diocese of Huron, may we wish you "Pax vobiscum". (Peace be with you).

children who attend Sunday school and Church regularly with their parents are more entitled to receive Holy Communion than the people who wander into Churches only for Christmas and Easter! Another has commented, "When I was a kid in a country church they used to chase us out into the churchyard to play, and we spent most of the time looking in the windows to see what was going on. Then we started first keeping the kids in for the service, and then taking them with us when we went up to the communion rail. That was an improvement, but I think letting them have Communion is better still."

Another interesting opinion, apparently expressed by a lay person, is this: "I think that the reason for some of the objections to children receiving Communion, is that it tends to reduce adult superiority. We don't really like to feel that children are our equals, we don't like them to be able to have everything that we do—it's hard on our ego! But are we not, in Christ, all one?"

Moreover, an opinion about the absolute necessity of the children receiving Holy Communion has become popular. It is that it has never made sense that Baptized persons should be compelled to go through puberty without the grace of the Holy Communion. They need all the help they can get and that is available to them. Unfortunately, they would say, our practice has been to make the reception of the greater sacrament dependent upon the reception of a lesser one—Confirmation.

Such a discussion centres around practical and common-sense issues. I think that the "Priestly Life", a publication of the SSJE in Bracebridge, has tied those practical applications to theological concerns:

"Now we often have parents bringing their children to be blessed, while they are making their communion. Now that the baptized baby is a full member, why cannot the child receive Our Lord, much better than any old blessing? If a child can be baptized and receive the gift of the Spirit, the child can receive the grace of Communion. If you believe that infant baptism is right, infant communion is right.

"So instead of little Mary waiting until the struggles of puberty and sex destroy her calm, she has been communicating with her parents, for many years. She may want to make a public commitment any number of times; she watched Mom and Dad renewing their marriage vows, and she thought it was great; once she sneaked downstairs and caught them kissing and saying loving words. Then there was the other thrill—she was going to have a brother or sister and then she could watch him (her) being baptized and admitted into the ark of Christ's Church.

"Years passed, Mr. and Mrs. X with Mary, quite the young lady now, John and perhaps other children, are growing up with regular worship and the Lord's Ser-

vice (the Eucharist) is most familiar to them. They have seen and witnessed many baptism-confirmations. They have been to school, college, university. They have been exposed to the world, but they can remember, even if they are astray, the family communions."

Wherein, then, lies the problem? One wonders if the New Testament Christians would have understood our problem. Instead of the rather idealistic system described above (purely hypothetical, until some changes are made in the area of Initiatory Rites), what is happening now?

Currently, the situation is something like this:

"The pastor is asked if he will baptize a baby. It is a piece of magic, not a Mystery of Christ which demands reasonable acceptance. Sometimes the father is not interested, and certainly father and mother may have no religious or church background. They want to have the baby 'done' outside of the main service, in spite of the Prayer Book and the whole sense of being incorporated into the Church. If the baby is baptized we do not hear about baby or parents, until a strange boy or girl, who may have gone to some sort of Sunday School sometimes, but has no knowledge of the Faith, is 'pushed' to go into a hurried Confirmation class. Having no worshiping experience, or Christian discipline, the pastor's job reeks with difficulties. The boy or girl is dating; belongs to clubs or sports affairs; gets no example from the parents; and is being brainwashed at school or among friends with the idea that religion is out of date or stupid.

"It would please Mother immensely if the Teenager would get confirmed. Six weeks after the Confirmation Service, the parish has the same number of communicants. Would it be better to return to the 5th Century Christianity when there were no nations, countries or races that were officially Christian, but only small groups of committed families and individuals to make up the Body of Christ?"

It would seem to be an obvious conclusion that within such a commitment, the Proposed Baptismal Rite and Initiation changes would make for committed Christians, armed with the sacramental and charismatic grace of Christ!

To be sure, there is a problem! Certainly, we all would much prefer the idealistic first picture painted, rather than the somewhat deplorable state of affairs described just above. Yet, I cannot help thinking that a number of things are being overlooked in getting from one to the other. However, before looking at my own preferences, it is necessary to survey the whole question of Initiation Rites.

(Ed. Note. Part II in this series will examine the whole question in terms of the tradition behind Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist.)

ELLIOT**LAKE**

**Parish assists
United Church
as their cleric
has been very
seriously ill**

The parish of St. Peter's in Elliot Lake, under the direction of the Rector, the Rev. Kenneth Gibbs (also Rural Dean of Mississauga), has been undertaking a genuine ecumenical venture during the past few months.

The Rev. Walter Poulton, Minister of the United Church in Elliot Lake, has been seriously ill. Therefore, the members of that congregation have been participating in certain of the services of St. Peter's.

For example, on Sunday, October 12, at St. Peter's Thanksgiving Service, Mr. Clem Banks of the United Church sang a solo, "Bless this house". At the same service, an anthem, "Hymn of Thanksgiving", was sung by a joint choir from the Anglican and United Churches.

Fr. Gibbs has been ministering to these United Church people as well as his own congregation. As he expressed in a note in the Sunday bulletin, "We hope that our worship together will further our Christian spirit of brotherhood and serve as an example of Christian unity."

***The bishop's
New Year's greeting***

My dear fellow Anglicans:

The year 1976 will soon be upon us, and, as usual, the New Year will be marked by song and dance and celebration. The dawn of another year always brings with it a new hope for the future. The past is over, whatever its failures and disappointments may have been, and hope takes the place of regrets. So we ring in the New Year with happy anticipation.

It is significant, for the Christian, that New Year's Day always falls between the great festivals of Christmas and the Epiphany for they are primarily festivals of joy and hope. If we believe that our world is under the control of a blind, impartial fate or an indifferent God, then we have little cause for hope in the coming year.

But Christmas and Epiphany bring us the assurance that our world is under the control of a God whose nature is LOVE—they speak to us of God sharing His nature completely with us. In Jesus Christ, God is revealed as the God who cares and who loves. Christmas and Epiphany turn the spotlight on Our Lord, who is the 'express image' (to quote the letter to the Hebrews) 'of God'.

Because we are Christians, and because we believe in the Incarnation—God sharing His nature with us completely—we should not and cannot be people of pessimism and gloom. People who have no assurance of God's love are in the words of Cardinal Suenens "suspicious that hope is just a sort of tranquilizer or excuse, a distraction which diverts our attention from facing the problems which beset us".

This cannot be for the Christian. As we face the World of 1976 and its problems, we are not day-dreamers basking in the fantasies of an automatic, better world; we are not like ostriches with our heads in the sand refusing to recognize the problems of our world. We are realists, but we are realists with HOPE—a hope which comes from God and relies on God, a God who has made His Love for His World and for each one of us abundantly clear.

So it is that whatever the coming year may bring we can face the future with confidence and with courage expressed in the words of one of our hymns—"All my hope in God is founded: He doth still my trust renew: me through change and chance He guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, He alone, calls my heart to be His own."

It was the truth of Christmas and Epiphany which caused St. Paul to write this prayer in his letter

"HOPE FOR '76"



The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Nock
(The Bishop and First Lady of the Diocese of Algoma)

to the Romans: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit."

This is my prayer and that of Mrs. Nock for you all as you enter a New Year.

Your friend
and bishop,

Frank F. Nock

St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie

Dedication of two plaques marks organ debt retirement

On Sunday, October 26, 1975, a service of dedication of two plaques was held at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie to mark the retirement of the organ debt.

The two plaques were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma (and former Dean and Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral). One plaque contains the names of those in whose memory gifts were given, and the other a list of patrons and donors to the organ fund.

The Very Rev. I. Lawrence Robertson, Dean of Algoma, and Rector of St. Luke's Cathedral, assisted by Mr. Harry Johnston (Chairman of the Organ Fund), and Miss Anthea Platt (Treasurer of the Organ Fund), signified the retirement of the organ fund by the burning of the bank note at the Chancel steps.

Following the dedication, the plaques were placed on the wall near the organ, by the churchwardens, Dr. David Gould, and Mrs. Lois Stanton.

In his sermon, Bishop Nock called the congregation's attention to the ministry of music and its position in the worship, praise and glory of God.

The organ was purchased in 1971 by St. Luke's Cathedral as a parish centennial project.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

Mr. Harry Johnston (Chairman of the Organ Fund of St. Luke's Cathedral) holds the bank note as the Very Rev. I. Lawrence Robertson, Dean and Rector of St. Luke's, holds a tray to catch the ashes. Miss Anthea Platt (Treasurer of the Organ Fund) sets the note on fire. This occasion at the Cathedral of our Diocese marked the retirement of the debt incurred in 1971 when the new organ was purchased. Guest preacher at the service was the Rt. Rev. F. F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma.